

Please amend page 11, paragraph 1, to read as follows:

**-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE --**

**[ABSTRACT]**

A swimming [flipper] fin comprising a blade [(1) made] constructed of a relatively rigid material, a shoe [(2)] made of a relatively yielding material and at least a pair of generally lateral ribs [(3)] extending along [the] edge[s] portions of the blade. On the blade, there are provided at least two longitudinal slots [(9)] arranged relatively symmetrically with respect to the longitudinal axis of the [flipper] fin and [two] a plurality of openings [(11)] extending diagonally from the shoe toward[s] the lateral edges of the blade. The slots and [the] openings are filled with a relatively yielding material in the form of flattened ribs [(12, 13)].

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend page 9, paragraph 1, to read as follows:

**-- WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: --**

**[CLAIMS]**